



GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

2002-03 Budget

K-12 Education Highlights

Governor Gray Davis' 2002-03 spending plan for K-12 education maintains his commitment to improved student achievement and school accountability by building on three remarkable years of investments and reforms.

2002-03 Funding Increases:

State General Fund spending for K-12 education is \$31.3 billion, bringing to \$8 billion, or 34.2 percent, the increase since Governor Davis took office.

The Proposition 98 guarantee is fully funded at \$46 billion – an increase of \$1 billion over 2001-02. Since Governor Davis took office, Proposition 98 funding for K-12 schools and community colleges has increased 30%, or \$10.4 billion.

Full funding for Growth and Cost-of-Living Increases is provided for discretionary funding and for categorical programs such as Special Education and Class Size Reduction.

Per-pupil funding is \$7,058, an increase of \$136 over the current year budget, up nearly 23 % since Governor Davis took office.

Before and After School Programs are provided the largest increase ever – \$75 million – to expand the Before and After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program to a total of \$162.8 million.

Low performing schools are provided with more than \$400 million in assistance to improve student achievement, parent involvement, instructional materials and facilities.

Programs funding textbooks and other instructional materials, including classroom and school libraries, are streamlined to give districts more flexibility and funded at a level of \$250 million. Additionally, the budget includes one-time block grants of \$200 million for purchase of Reading/Language Arts standards-based textbooks, \$100 million for school libraries, and \$75 million for grade 7 – 12 science laboratory equipment and materials. The Governor's 2002-03 Budget provides a total of \$625 million for these instructional materials. The Governor proposes future increases reaching \$600 million in instructional materials funding to mirror adoption cycles for standards-based textbooks.

Staying the Course:

Intensive teacher recruitment efforts are continued with funding of \$161.2 million.

Standards-based training for teachers and principals is provided with funding of \$216.4 million, so that by the end of 2002-03, nearly 200,000 teachers, instructional aides, principals and vice principals will have been trained.